

BUFFALO TWP. SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JAN. 2, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Tuesday, January 2, 2018, in the Buffalo Township Municipal Building and convened at 7:20 p.m. This Meeting is being recorded. The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Ron Zampogna. If anyone is taping this Meeting, please state your name and address.

ROLL CALL

John Zurisko	Present
Ron Zampogna III	Present
Matthew J. Sweeny	Present
Albert T. Roenigk	Present
Gary L. Risch, Sr.	Present

A majority of the Board of Supervisors being present, the Chairman declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; PERSONNEL; AND/OR INFO-GATHERING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

(1) The Board of Supervisors met on Saturday, December 30 in the Township Municipal Bldg.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the December 13, 2017, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, as recorded, was on motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

MONTHLY BILLS

After reviewing invoices and bills presented for payment, it was on motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by John Zurisko, to pay the monthly bills. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

OLD BUSINESS

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE AN ORDINANCE WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 7 AT 6:30 P.M. PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

BUFFALO TWP. SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JAN. 2, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

PERFORMANCE BOND REDUCTION REQUEST FROM THE MERITAGE GROUP LP FOR SARVER'S MILL PRD PHASE 3B – APPROVED

Ken Howard explained we received the request from the Meritage Group to reduce the bond for Sarver's Mill PRD Phase 3B. He explained what has been installed. It is our recommendation that you could reduce the bond from \$239,205.00 to \$72,889.09. It is an actual reduction of \$156,315.91 for the work that has already been completed. The remaining bond amount would be \$72,889.09. We recommend that you take that action.

On motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk, to reduce the Performance Bond Request from Sarver's Mill PRD from \$239,205.00 to \$72,889.09. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

LT. TIMOTHY DERRINGER PROMOTED TO POLICE CHIEF

Ron Zampogna stated we have been talking about this. Gary Risch stated that Tim requested to be promoted to Chief. He would be leaving the bargaining unit and will have his own contract. He will be a working chief. Atty. Robert Zanella from Lutz and Pawk stated I have his contract.

On motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Albert Roenigk, to promote Lieutenant Timothy Derringer to Police Chief. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

BUFFALO EMS BUILDING – DISCUSSION

Gary Risch stated we have gotten to the point where I put a for sale sign in front of it. We are taking bids on it because Larry said if we got a decent bid we would take it to the Judge to see if we can sell it without making improvements. I don't think we will get any more money if we make improvements. I told people that the minimum bid is \$50,00 and we would like to have them by Jan. 5. We will see what kind of bids we get.

Ron Zampogna asked what is the status on the ambulances? Atty. Zanella answered right now we are waiting for letters; once we have that we will apply for duplicate titles from Penn Dot. The auction is January 28. Gary Risch asked do we have to take them there or can we send pictures? Atty. Zanella answered he recommends that they are taken there; but you don't have to. Gary Risch stated that is something we will have to decide if we want to spend the money to have them towed there. They are all running. The township workers have worked on them. The two that were outside do not have any brakes. The better one is inside. The building has been all cleaned out by the township workers. They took one big dumpster and took the junk to the junkyard. They tore down one old, rickety metal building. There are two cots in there. Someone took pictures and sent them to the person who runs the emergency department at the Allegheny Valley Hospital. She is going to see if any of the ambulance companies were interested in buying them. I haven't heard anything back. John Zurisko asked where do the ambulances need towed to? Gary Risch answered Beaver Falls. I got a price from

BUFFALO TWP. SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JAN. 2, 2018

Jeff Gillette. It would be \$250.00 each. Matt Sweeny asked can we put a minimum bid on them? Atty. Zanella answered I think you can. Matt Sweeny stated we can't do anything until we get the titles squared. Atty. Zanella stated the auction company could still sell them pending the title.

STREET LIGHTS – DISCUSSION

Gary Risch stated we have two street lights that are burnt out down by the Freeport Bridge and need to be replaced. Freeport also has two burned out on their part. Jim Swartz was trying to get prices on replacing Freeports. He asked if we were interested in going together with them to see what kind of prices we can get. Matt Sweeny asked did we contact the company that takes care of ours now? Gary Risch answered we can. These people are going to be there; ours have to come out of Pittsburgh. Ron Zampogna stated I asked Janice who had done this in the past. She suggested West Penn Power may help us out and replace them. Is that correct Janice? Janice Zubrin answered yes. Ron Zampogna asked have you contacted them previously and they have taken care of it? Janice Zubrin answered yes. Ron Zampogna asked can we do that again? Janice Zubrin answered as long as somebody tells me. I can't call them if I don't know. Gary Risch stated Jim Swartz approached me from Freeport; that is how I knew they were out. Ron Zampogna asked do we know which two they are exactly? Gary Risch answered. John Zurisko stated all of the poles should have numbers. Ron Zampogna asked Albert Roenigk if we could ask the Road Crew when they are down there to check and see if there are pole numbers. Albert Roenigk answered yes. Ron Zampogna stated then Janice can contact Penn Dot. Maybe we can get this done with no expense to us.

INFRASTRUCTURE LOAN FROM BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – DISCUSSION

Gary Risch stated there is money available from the Commissioners for a low interest loan for infrastructure. Someone can go and talk to Mark Gordon about putting in the cul de sac at the end of Sunny Lane. Matt Sweeny read when the proposals need to be received. Ron Zampogna stated Janice can call and look into this and see if it is a possibility.

APPROVAL TO RELEASE BOND FOR ALLEN DEVELOPMENT REGARDING THE SEWAGE AUTHORITY

John Allen stated I have a letter dated October 20 from the Municipal Authority. The township and authority have to sign off. Ken Howard stated it is a separate security bond for the sanitary sewers. It is different from your bond; it is different money. You would need to check with Atty. Lutz to make sure that he is okay with this. Atty. Zanella stated that Atty. Lutz has no objection to this. Ken Howard stated the Engineer for the Municipal Authority has recommended release of this. We can support this. The dollar amount in that document, \$23,157.00 needs to be in the minutes.

On motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny, to release \$23,157 in regard to the Allen Development regarding the Municipal Authority. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

BUFFALO TWP. SUPERVISORS – REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING – JAN. 2, 2018

REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Tim Thompson, General Manager Lernerville Speedway, stated the replacement of our sign was approved with the stipulation that we cannot advertise on it. It defeats the purpose of having that sign. We advertise on the track. We would like to utilize that sign on 356 for our customers who are already advertising on the track. Is it possible for you to see you way clear to approve that? Ron Zampogna answered I believe the discussion we had was we didn't want to turn that into a billboard with the advertising. You can advertise for yourself and upcoming events. There is an Ordinance in the township dealing with billboards. Tim Thompson stated we are replacing the sign with another non-conforming sign. Ron Zampogna stated I would like to hear the legal opinion. Atty. Zanella stated it is already a non-conforming use. Ken Howard asked what type of advertising? Tim Thompson answered for example Precise Racing Products or Snyder of Berlin. These people advertise on the track. The sign we are replacing is well worn. Atty. Zanella asked about the old sign. Tim Thompson stated it doesn't work and hasn't for a number of years. Albert Roenigk stated it hasn't worked for probably fifteen years. Ron Zampogna asked is it your intention to put advertising on for a fee? Tim Thompson answered right now we advertise at the track for a fee and on our website. Ron Zampogna asked specifically for the sign do you have any intention of using it for a revenue source? Tim Thompson answered it would be an extension of the track. Ray Smetana, Planning Commission Chairman, stated it was previously an electronic sign and they advertised on it. Ron Zampogna asked so they didn't just use it for promotion? Ray Smetana answered it was used for promotion of their events and advertising. Ron Zampogna stated I don't have an issue with it. Ray Smetana stated it is beyond the Planning Commission; it is up to the Supervisors to make the decision. Matt Sweeny asked would it make sense to research this? Tim Thompson stated there is already a billboard on 356; I understand it has been there a long time and explained the zoning. Ray Smetana suggested they could cut out a piece and rezone it. Matt Sweeny stated let's do some research. Albert Roenigk asked would you still put community events on the sign? Tim Thompson answered absolutely. Ray Smetana stated they are a good asset to the township.

Chris Ziegler, President of the Butler-Freeport Trail Council, commented on their plans for the spring and activities on the Trail.

ADJOURNMENT was on motion of Gary Risch, seconded by John Zurisko, at 7:45 p.m. Motion Carried.
Un. Approval.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY/TREASURER